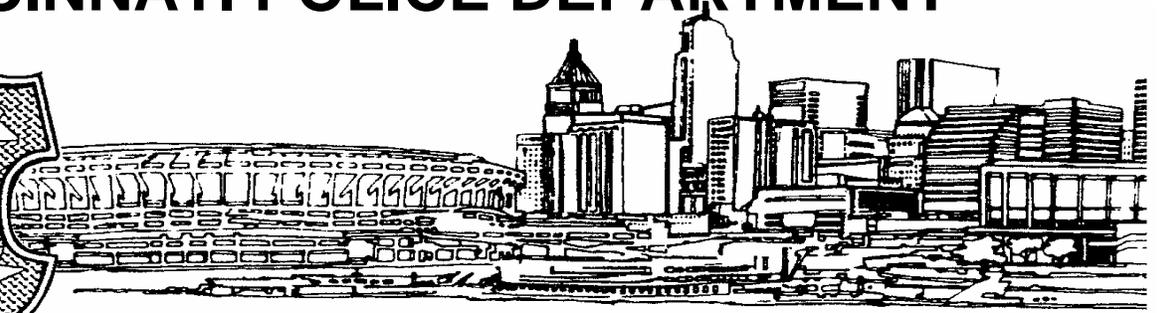


# CINCINNATI POLICE DEPARTMENT



## STAFF NOTES

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*Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief*  
*February 15, 2005*

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**1. DONATED TIME FOR HOSTLER STEPHANIE ANDERSON**

Due to serious medical conditions, Hostler Stephanie Anderson, Mounted Patrol, has exhausted all of her sick, vacation, and holiday time. Ms. Anderson is currently being carried on Leave Without Pay status.

Any department member wishing to voluntarily donate time for Ms. Anderson should submit a Form 25S to their district/section/unit commander, listing Stephanie Anderson's name, section, and the kind of time and hours being donated. Sick time may not be donated. The donor's rank and signature must appear on the Form 25S.

**2. 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HUMANA HEART MINI-MARATHON**

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Humana Heart Mini-Marathon will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2005. This event includes a 15K Mini-Marathon, a 5K Heart Run, a HeartWalk, and a 2K Kids' Mini-Marafun. The Police Department is one of the event sponsors and is receiving a limited number of free registrations for the event. The registration forms will be distributed on a first come, first served basis and are available only to Department employees.

For information or a registration form, please contact Lieutenant Kurt Byrd, Public Information Office, at 352-3515. All registration forms must be returned to Lieutenant Byrd by March 1, 2005, in order to be eligible for a team t-shirt.

**3. OFFICER NEXT DOOR PROGRAM**

Officer Next Door is a national program sponsored by The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that provides a 50% discount on HUD-owned, single family homes in designated revitalization areas. The discount is available to any law enforcement officer who is employed full-time by a federal, state, or municipal government; or a public or private college or university, and is sworn to uphold the law and make arrests. The officer must agree to make the home their sole residence for three years following the purchase.

[Attached](#) to these Staff Notes is additional information about this program. For more information and to signup for the next lottery drawing, visit [www.OfficerNextDoor.org](http://www.OfficerNextDoor.org).

**4. THANK YOU LETTERS**

[Attached](#) to these Staff Notes are several thank you letters written to the Police Chief for the professionalism displayed by officers in our Department.

**COMMENDATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/14/05 – 2/20/05**

Captain Stephen Luebbe  
Lieutenant Doug Ventre  
Sergeant Brian Meyer  
Sergeant Jeff Gramke  
Sergeant Bridget Bardua

Lieutenant Stuart Koepp  
Sergeant Randy Rengering  
Sergeant Greg Lewton  
Sergeant Martin Mack

Police Officer Stephen J. Lawson  
Police Officer Barbara Winstead  
Police Officer Anthony Brucato  
Police Officer Scott Krauser  
Police Officer Mark Fogel  
Police Officer Kenneth Kober  
Police Officer Tamera Brown  
Police Officer Eric Schank  
Police Officer Jeffrey Ertel  
Police Officer Dwayne Dawson  
Police Officer Ken Vanderpool  
Police Specialist Scott McManis  
Police Officer Tim Bley  
Police Officer Darren Gibson  
Police Officer Salvatore (Sam) Sala  
Police Officer Phillip Herrmann  
Police Officer Dan Cavanaugh  
Police Officer Alexander Hasse  
Police Officer James Mathews  
Police Specialist Kathy Harrell  
Police Officer Shawn George

Police Officer Daniel Kowalski  
Police Officer Pat Galligan  
Police Officer Steve Fromhold  
Police Officer Michael Bell  
Police Officer Mark McChristian  
Police Officer Shawn Smith  
Police Officer Tammy Hussels  
Police Officer Terry McGuffey  
Police Officer Michael Machenheimer  
Police Officer George Jason  
Police Specialist Joey Stevens  
Police Specialist Charles Vanover  
Police Specialist Steve Batsch  
Police Specialist Greg Ventre  
Police Officer Michael (Matt) Schneider  
Police Officer Thomas Finley  
Police Officer Steven Ventre  
Police Officer Louis Arnold  
Police Officer Jennifer Ernst  
Police Officer Cary Jodice  
Police Officer Patricia Simpson

In December 2004, the Cincinnati Police Department received a request from the Washington DC Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) for assistance during the Inauguration of the 55<sup>th</sup> President of the United States on Thursday, January 20, 2005. The request was made as a result of the threat level in the Nation's Capital and the on-going development of intelligence regarding this event. Accordingly, the MPD requested the Cincinnati Police Department provide supplemental uniformed presence during the Inauguration. Cincinnati Police Department members were requested to work in partnership with uniformed MPD officers along the parade route, at Inaugural Ball sites, and at many other critical sites around Washington DC.

A total of fifty one Cincinnati Police Department members volunteered for this detail. These officers interrupted their personal schedules and made themselves available to serve their country. The officers traveled by bus to Washington DC, endured long days, and severe winter weather. The Cincinnati Police Department has received comments from people who attended the Inauguration parade and saw Cincinnati officers on posts along the route.

The comments have been overwhelmingly positive and complimentary of the Cincinnati Police Department members. The officers were described as “a dedicated professional group of officers that represented Cincinnati so very well... [and who] could not have been more friendly.” Another observer noted the Cincinnati officers were “very professional, courteous, and friendly. These officers could not have shown Cincinnati in a more positive light.”

The Cincinnati Police Department is proud to have been asked to assist with this national event, and was happy to provide assistance to a fellow major city police department. The fifty one officers, representing all Bureaus in the Department, are to be commended for volunteering for this important duty and for their exceptional professionalism that brought credit to the Cincinnati Police Department and the City of Cincinnati.

# OfficerNextDoor.org

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) wants to make American communities stronger and to build a safer nation. Public safety improves when police officers live in a neighborhood. The Officer Next Door (OND) program helps make this goal a reality by making homeownership faster and more affordable for Law Enforcement Officers.

The program offers Law Enforcement Officers the opportunity to purchase a home for **50%** off appraised value. The homes become available to HUD after homeowners default on their FHA-insured mortgages. The properties are HUD-owned single family homes in certain designated revitalization areas. The program is available to all Law Enforcement Officers who agree to make the homes their sole residence for three years following the purchase.

To qualify the Officer must be a full-time, sworn law enforcement officer who is employed full-time by a Federal, state, county or municipal government; or a public or private college or university. You must be sworn to uphold, and make arrests for violations of, Federal, state, county, or municipal law. Your employer must certify that you are a full-time police officer with the general power of arrest. You don't have to be a first-time homebuyer to participate, but you cannot own any other residential real property **at the time you close** on your new home. You must agree to live in the HUD home as your only residence for three years.

HUD also allows the purchaser to finance any repairs or improvements through two FHA loan programs. The FHA 203B loan is a property acquisition loan with up to \$5,000 in Repair Escrow for required repairs. The FHA 203K loan is a property acquisition loan and a home improvement loan combined together. All improvements, remodeling, and appliances including stove, dishwasher, refrigerator, washer, and dryer can be added to the loan. The maximum loan amount for acquisition and improvements is 110% of appraised value.

Additionally HUD allows the purchaser to finance all of the closing cost associated with the purchase of the home. This includes: Loan Discount Points, Loan Origination Fees, Recording fees and Transfer Charges, Broker sales commission, Survey, Title Insurance, Taxes, Insurance, Credit report, Flood Certification, Home Inspection, and Home Warranty. The ability to roll into the mortgage all property acquisition expenses allows Officers to move into the homes with minimal out of pocket expenses. **Most Officers move into their new homes for a total of \$100.**

**For more information and to sign up  
for the next lottery drawing go to:**

**[www.OfficerNextDoor.org](http://www.OfficerNextDoor.org)**

6094 Dryden Ave., #1  
Cincinnati, OH 45213-1747  
February 3, 2005

Captain Michael Cureton  
District 2, Cincinnati Police  
3295 Erie Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45208

Dear Captain Cureton:

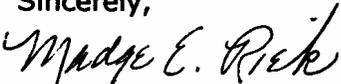
I wanted to take a minute to express my deep appreciation for the Cincinnati Police Force and, specifically at this time, the dedication and caring shown by Officer George Engleman.

It seems to be a well-known fact that Dryden Avenue is a "problem" street, mostly due to the narrow street and number of multiple dwellings. Parking over the curved curb and parking across driveways is constant, coupled recently with vehicles abandoned or left inoperable for a period of time.

Officer Engleman's name was given to me as our community contact and his immediate attention to the matter has been commendable. His presence and actions have lessened a lot of tension and anxiety for the caring residents. I have seen a difference and believe Officer Engleman's actions will remind everyone that there are laws and ordinances they must abide by.

Thank you and your fellow officers for being here for us. \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

  
Madge E. Riek

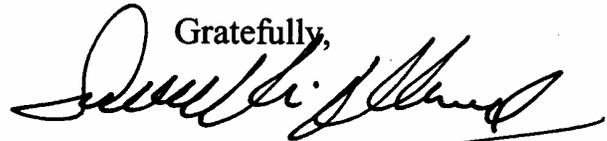
February 2, 2005  
Salha R. Voelkel  
4708 Old Independence  
Rd. Brenham, Texas 77833

Chief,  
Dear Mr. Tom Streicher,

My son first Lt. Beau Voelkel was on route to Texas on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January. He was in a crisis and was rescued very promptly by Officer Shircliff in Cincinnati. Officer Shircliff was very efficient, very professional in rescuing my son. He was a very compassionate officer.

I do appreciate very much for all the excellent services your department did. Thank you for your expediency and professionalism. We need more officers like Officer Shircliff.

Gratefully,



Salha Voelkel



Cincinnati Public Schools

# JACOBS HIGH SCHOOL

5425 Winton Ridge Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45232  
Phone (513) 363-7400 Fax (513) 363-7420

Attention Sergeant Dannie Daum

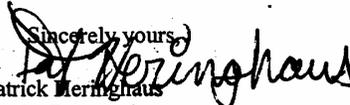
After school I hosted a junior high game between our 8th graders and Mt. Healthy. After this game our reserve and varsity girls would play Lockland in our Varsity Gym. During the junior high game at Jacobs I received a call from Grant Stanley, our Head Basketball Coach that Harmony's Gym was extremely crowded and that Rap Music was being played during timeouts with questionable lyrics. At approximately 5:15 a second officer by the name of Terrance Forte arrived at Jacobs with directions from Officer Ed Hawkins to consult with me about the possibility of traveling to Harmony and standing near our team bench. I quickly concurred with Officer Hawkins' suggestion and sent Officer Forte to Harmony.

Once I arrived, I found a large crowd in the gym along with the Cincinnati Police Officer Forte whom I had sent earlier. Sensing that we could have some problems, I discussed possible scenarios with Police Officer Forte, in case we had to react to some disturbance. I must say that the Police Officer Forte was very professional and was equally concerned. We agreed that I would sit in the bleachers with students, fans, and parents representing Jacobs and that he would continue to stand in the general area of our bench. Shortly before game time Officer Hawkins arrived giving Jacobs two policemen present. I discussed with Officer Hawkins concerning who should pay for the Police and I agreed to pay for the two policemen present.

The game started and the first quarter went smoothly. With about 5:30 remaining in the second quarter, I observed a student walking over near my direction being escorted by another individual. Officer Hawkins intercepted the two individuals and communicated that they should leave the area and slowly followed them as they left. As they appeared to be exiting the doors at the far end of the gym, bedlam began. From my location, I could only assume that a fight was about to break out. The two policemen, being paid by CPS and Jacobs, were the only security that I witnessed responding. Immediately I told all of the students from Jacobs in the stands to remain in the stands (I would estimate that we had 30 to 50 students present at the game) and I ran onto the floor and arrived at our bench. Within a minute of the time I arrived on the floor, I instructed our coaches to have the team exit the bench area and go into the Locker Room. I continued to monitor the Jacobs crowd as the numerous sections of the gym emptied into the lobby.

After the confusion had died down, the team came back onto the floor via my request. I proceeded to go over to the area where our students and fans were seated and thanked the students for their behavior and conduct during the situation. Personally, I was very proud of the behavior displayed by our students.

I would like to commend the support Jacobs received from the two officers mentioned above. Their experience and foresight allowed us to continue playing the game under somewhat difficult conditions. Without their presence I am uncertain what might have occurred.

Sincerely yours,  
  
Patrick Meringhaus  
Jacobs Principal

  
Daryl Patrick  
Jacobs Athletic Director

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February 2, 2005

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Cincinnati Police Department  
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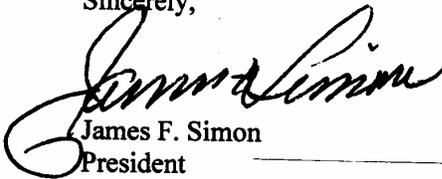
PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Chief Streicher,

I had the occasion to request the assistance of Captain Drew Rabbe and Lt. Don Smith of District 3. I represent Indian Lookout Apartments and Braden Mechley, owner. They were experiencing a rash of theft problems. Captain Rabbe and Lt. Smith assisted us in analyzing the criminal activity in our area, as well as, increasing police presence at Indian Lookout in an effort to solve the problem.

Their professionalism and thoroughness speaks volumes of the Cincinnati Police. Thank you and your men for being there.

Sincerely,



James F. Simon  
President

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To: Streicher, Thomas; Raabe, Andrew  
Subject: FW: On-line Question/Comment

-----Original Message-----

From: sorrelen@msn.com [<mailto:sorrelen@msn.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2005 4:33 PM  
To: cpd.webmaster@cincinnati-oh.gov  
Subject: On-line Question/Comment

=== A NAME -----> Elizabeth Sorrell

=== B PHONE -----> 513-317-3723

=== C FORWARD TO -----> Police Chief

=== D SUBJECT -----> Ride Along

=== E MESSAGE -----> My name is Elizabeth Sorrell and I completed a ride along with district # 3 on 1/28/2005. I would like to say I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and would also like to thank the Cincinnati Police Dept. as well as District #3 for allowing me the opportunity to ride along. I rode on beat #1 with officer Priestle and he was very respectable and nice through the experience. He answered all of my questions thoroughly and made the experience worthwhile. I think that the ride along program is great and would love to do it again someday. Would u please forward this to District #3 also so they may know I appreciated the experience. Thanks again, Elizabeth Sorrell

=== EMAIL -----> sorrelen@msn.com

=== F E\_MAIL -----> sorrelen@msn.com

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jeannie Bechtold [mailto:jeannie.bechtold@fuse.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2005 4:08 PM

**To:** Whalen, James; Lt. Doug Wiesman

**Cc:** Ginsburg, David

**Subject:** Another Thank You

Jim & Doug--I want to thank and compliment Sgt. Richard Antwine for coming down to help us out last week. Our new tenant, Park National Bank had an Open House for their clients to see their new office space. I had the caterer, Paul Sturkey, park in our parking garage to unload their food and beverages. Sturkey had a new van and locked the keys in the van. They called the police and Sgt. Antwine was here with his handy tool kit to open the van within a very short time.

I know it was a busy time of day and he didn't give up until we got it opened!! I just wanted to express my appreciation for his time and patience. Please thank him again for me, the caterer and Park National Bank.

Jeannie B.